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**REGULAR & PERFUNCTORY SESSION**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

**1:16 O'CLOCK P.M.**

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The House met pursuant to notice from the Speaker.  
Representative Mautino in the chair.  
Prayer by Lee A. Crawford, the Pastor of the Cathedral of Praise Christian Center in Springfield, IL.  
Representative Mussman led the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.  
By direction of the Speaker, a roll call was taken to ascertain the attendance of Members, as follows:  
115 present. (ROLL CALL 1)

By unanimous consent, Representatives Golar, Mulligan and Reboletti were excused from attendance.

## **REPORTS**

The Clerk of the House acknowledges receipt of the following correspondence:

The State Treasurer's Working Group on Investments Report, submitted by Office of the Illinois State Treasurer on February 4, 2011.

The African-American Employment Plan Report for Higher Education, submitted by Illinois Board of Higher Education on February 4, 2011.

Educational Labor Relations Board Annual Report For Fiscal Year 2010, submitted by Illinois Educational Labor Relations Board on February 4, 2011.

Notice Regarding the Intent to File the Report Pertaining to African-American and Hispanic Employment Plans, submitted by Illinois Tollway on February 4, 2011.

Personal Information Security Breach, submitted by Southern Illinois University on February 7, 2011.

Illinois Commerce Commission Annual Report On Electricity, Gas, Water, and Sewer Utilities, submitted by Illinois Commerce Commission on February 7, 2011.

## **LETTERS OF TRANSMITTAL**

February 7, 2011

Ms. Jacqueline Price  
Director, Index Division  
Secretary of State  
111 East Monroe  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Director Price:

Please be advised that I have appointed the following Republican Members to the **JOINT COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE RULES** for the 97th General Assembly.

Representative Angelo "Skip" Saviano (Co-Chair)  
Representative Don Moffitt  
Representative Rosemary Mulligan

This appointment is effective immediately. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact Scott Reimers at 782-9602.

Sincerely,  
s/Tom Cross

## House Republican Leader

February 8, 2011

Mark Mahoney  
Clerk of the House  
420 State House  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

Effective immediately, the following members have been appointed to the House Revenue Committee.

Representative David Harris, Spokesman  
Representative Sandy Cole  
Representative Ed Sullivan

An additional appointment will be forthcoming. Please feel free to contact my office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
s/Tom Cross  
House Republican Leader

February 8, 2011

Mark Mahoney  
Clerk of the House  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
420 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The Majority members of the House Revenue & Finance Committee for the 97th General Assembly are listed below:

Representative John Bradley, Chair  
Representative Arthur Turner, Vice Chair  
Representative Barbara Flynn Currie  
Representative Frank Mautino  
Representative Mike Zalewski

There shall be 5 Majority appointments and 4 minority appointments.

These appointments are effective immediately.

Please contact Tim Mapes, my Chief of Staff, at 782-6360 for further information.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
s/Michael J. Madigan

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Speaker of the House

February 8, 2011

Mark Mahoney  
Clerk of the House  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
402 Capitol Building  
Springfield, IL 62706

Dear Mr. Clerk:

The attached chart lists the Majority appointments to the House Committees for the 97th General Assembly and includes the number of majority and minority members per committee.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,  
s/Michael J. Madigan  
Speaker of the House

#### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Committee	Majority Appointments	Majority Members	Minority Members
<b>Aging</b>	<b>Lisa Hernandez, Chair</b> <b>Dan Beiser, Vice Chair</b> Jack McGuire Connie Howard Joe Lyons Edward Acevedo Jack Franks John D'Amico Greg Harris Keith Farnham Emily McAsey Deborah Mell Carol Sente Chuck Jefferson	<b>14</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Agriculture&amp; Conservation</b>	<b>Lisa Dugan, Chair</b> <b>Pat Verschoore, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Dan Reitz Brandon Phelps Kelly Burke	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Appropriations- Elementary &amp; Secondary Education</b>	<b>Will Davis, Chair</b> <b>Lisa Hernandez, Vice Chair</b> Edward Acevedo Cynthia Soto Al Riley Mike Zalewski	<b>12</b>	<b>10</b>

	Eddie Jackson Will Burns Emily McAsey Deborah Mell Dan Biss Michelle Mussman		
<b>Appropriations- General Services</b>	<b>Fred Crespo, Chair</b> <b>Al Riley, Vice Chair</b> Monique Davis Frank Mautino Ken Dunkin Will Burns Arthur Turner Kelly Burke	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Appropriations- Higher Education</b>	<b>Ken Dunkin, Chair</b> <b>Cynthia Soto, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Monique Davis Will Davis Naomi Jakobsson Dan Beiser Al Riley Dan Biss Thaddeus Jones	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Appropriations- Human Services</b>	<b>Sara Feigenholtz, Chair</b> <b>Robyn Gabel, Vice Chair</b> Harry Osterman Lisa Dugan Lisa Hernandez Keith Farnham Camille Lilly Rita Mayfield Michelle Mussman	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Appropriations- Public Safety</b>	<b>Luis Arroyo, Chair</b> <b>Greg Harris, Vice Chair</b> Connie Howard Bob Rita Mike Zalewski Anthony DeLuca Camille Lilly Bill Cunningham Thaddeus Jones	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Armed Forces &amp; Military Affairs</b>	<b>Eddie Jackson, Chair</b> <b>Brandon Phelps, Vice Chair</b> Emily McAsey	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Business &amp; Occupational Licenses</b>	<b>Bob Rita, Chair</b> <b>Camille Lilly, Vice Chair</b> Dan Burke Mike Zalewski Anthony DeLuca	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>

	Ann Williams		
<b>Cities &amp; Villages</b>	<b>Al Riley, Chair</b> <b>Anthony DeLuca, Vice Chair</b> Rita Mayfield Kelly Burke Bill Cunningham Thaddeus Jones	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Consumer Protection</b>	<b>Toni Berrios, Chair</b> <b>Eddie Jackson, Vice Chair</b> Edward Acevedo Susana Mendoza Bob Rita Lisa Hernandez Jehan Gordon Arthur Turner Dan Biss Ann Williams	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Counties &amp; Townships</b>	<b>Pat Verschoore, Chair</b> <b>Al Riley, Vice Chair</b> Dan Reitz Rita Mayfield	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Disability Services</b>	<b>Esther Golar, Chair</b> <b>Keith Farnham, Vice Chair</b> Lisa Hernandez	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Elections &amp; Campaign Reform</b>	<b>Mike Zalewski, Chair</b> <b>John D'Amico, Vice Chair</b> Naomi Jakobsson Deborah Mell	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Elementary &amp; Secondary Education</b>	<b>Linda Chapa LaVia, Chair</b> <b>Fred Crespo, Vice Chair</b> Monique Davis Harry Osterman Karen Yarbrough Marlow Colvin Ken Dunkin Lisa Dugan Esther Golar Keith Farnham Jehan Gordon Camille Lilly Rita Mayfield	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Environment &amp; Energy</b>	<b>Tom Holbrook, Chair</b> <b>Linda Chapa LaVia, Vice Chair</b> Sara Feigenholtz Dan Reitz Karen May Cynthia Soto Brandon Phelps Pat Verschoore	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>



	Dan Beiser Eddie Jackson Marlow Colvin		
<b>Executive</b>	<b>Dan Burke, Chair</b> <b>Joe Lyons, Vice Chair</b> Edward Acevedo Toni Berrios Bob Rita Luis Arroyo Eddie Jackson	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Financial Institutions</b>	<b>Brandon Phelps, Chair</b> <b>Monique Davis, Vice Chair</b> Dan Burke Tom Holbrook Joe Lyons Dan Reitz Annazette Collins Cynthia Soto Ken Dunkin Linda Chapa LaVia Pat Verschoore André Thapedi Dan Beiser	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Health Care Availability &amp; Accessibility</b>	<b>Mary Flowers, Chair</b> <b>Karen May, Vice Chair</b> Esther Golar Greg Harris Luis Arroyo Will Burns Lisa Dugan	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Health Care Licenses</b>	<b>Dan Reitz, Chair</b> <b>Mike Zalewski, Vice Chair</b> Brandon Phelps Pat Verschoore Kelly Burke	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Higher Education</b>	<b>Naomi Jakobsson, Chair</b> <b>Carol Sente, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Kevin McCarthy	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Human Services</b>	<b>Greg Harris, Chair</b> <b>Connie Howard, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Naomi Jakobsson Annazette Collins Deborah Mell	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Insurance</b>	<b>Monique Davis, Chair</b> <b>Greg Harris, Vice Chair</b> Lou Lang Frank Mautino Sara Feigenholtz	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>

	Karen Yarbrough Marlow Colvin Ken Dunkin Toni Berrios LaShawn Ford Robyn Gabel		
<b>International Trade &amp; Commerce</b>	<b>Susana Mendoza, Chair</b> <b>Jack Franks, Vice Chair</b> Dan Burke Toni Berrios Will Davis André Thapedi Robyn Gabel Dan Biss	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Judiciary 1: Civil Law</b>	<b>Elaine Nekritz, Chair</b> <b>John Bradley, Vice Chair</b> Lou Lang Mike Zalewski André Thapedi Arthur Turner Ann Williams	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Judiciary 11: Criminal Law</b>	<b>Connie Howard, Chair</b> <b>Emily McAsey, Vice Chair</b> Esther Golar Bill Cunningham	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Labor</b>	<b>Harry Osterman, Chair</b> <b>John Bradley, Vice Chair</b> Will Davis Brandon Phelps John D'Amico Luis Arroyo Lisa Hernandez Bill Cunningham Thaddeus Jones Marlow Colvin Chuck Jefferson	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Mass Transit</b>	<b>Cynthia Soto, Chair</b> <b>Deborah Mell, Vice Chair</b> Dan Burke Sara Feigenholtz Harry Osterman Karen Yarbrough Toni Berrios Bob Rita Fred Crespo Al Riley Anthony DeLuca Robyn Gabel Will Davis	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Personnel &amp; Pensions</b>	<b>Kevin McCarthy, Chair</b> <b>Elaine Nekritz, Vice Chair</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>

	Dan Burke Karen May Dan Biss		
<b>Public Utilities</b>	<b>Annazette Collins, Chair</b> <b>Tom Holbrook, Vice Chair</b> Connie Howard Kevin McCarthy Jack Franks Karen May Susana Mendoza Linda Chapa LaVia Esther Golar Luis Arroyo Fred Crespo André Thapedi Chuck Jefferson	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>
<b>Revenue &amp; Finance</b>	<b>John Bradley, Chair</b> <b>Arthur Turner, Vice Chair</b> Barbara Flynn Currie Frank Mautino Mike Zalewski	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Small Business Empowerment &amp; Workforce Development</b>	<b>LaShawn Ford, Chair</b> <b>Rita Mayfield, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Connie Howard Fred Crespo Jehan Gordon Emily McAsey Deborah Mell Robyn Gabel Arthur Turner Dan Biss	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>State Government Administration</b>	<b>Jack Franks, Chair</b> <b>Lisa Dugan, Vice Chair</b> Edward Acevedo Ken Dunkin Will Burns Emily McAsey Carol Sente Michelle Mussman	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Telecommuni- cations</b>	<b>Karen May, Chair</b> <b>Will Burns, Vice Chair</b> Tom Holbrook Joe Lyons Edward Acevedo Kevin McCarthy Linda Chapa LaVia Dan Reitz Brandon Phelps Kelly Burke	<b>10</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Transportation:</b>	<b>Dan Beiser, Chair</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>

<b>Regulation, Roads &amp; Bridges</b>	<b>Jehan Gordon, Vice Chair</b> Joe Lyons Elaine Nekritz John Bradley John D'Amico Camille Lilly Thaddeus Jones		
<b>Transportation: Vehicles &amp; Safety</b>	<b>John D'Amico, Chair</b> <b>Dan Beiser, Vice Chair</b> Bill Cunningham Bob Rita	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Rules</b>	<b>Barbara Flynn Currie, Chair</b> Lou Lang Frank Mautino	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>Special Committee On Adoption Reform</b>	<b>Sara Feigenholtz, Chair</b> <b>Naomi Jakobsson, Vice Chair</b> Rita Mayfield Ann Williams	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>Special Committee On Bio- Technology</b>	<b>Susana Mendoza, Chair</b> <b>Jack Franks, Vice Chair</b> Linda Chapa LaVia Rita Mayfield Dan Biss	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Special Committee on Environmental Health</b>	<b>Karen May, Chair</b> <b>Carol Sente, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Naomi Jakobsson Karen Yarbrough Elaine Nekritz Robyn Gabel Michelle Mussman Ann Williams	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Special Committee on Health &amp; Healthcare Disparities</b>	<b>Will Davis, Chair</b> <b>Camille Lilly, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Edward Acevedo Connie Howard LaShawn Ford Lisa Hernandez Robyn Gabel	<b>8</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Special Committee on Housing</b>	<b>Karen Yarbrough, Chair</b> <b>Esther Golar, Vice Chair</b> Mary Flowers Connie Howard LaShawn Ford Camille Lilly Arthur Turner	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Special Committee on Tollway</b>	<b>Bob Rita, Chair</b> <b>LaShawn Ford, Vice Chair</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>

<b>Oversight</b>	Monique Davis Al Riley Anthony DeLuca Kelly Burke Chuck Jefferson		
<b>Special Committee on Tourism &amp; Conventions</b>	<b>Ken Dunkin, Chair</b> <b>Sara Feigenholtz, Vice Chair</b> Jack McGuire Toni Berrios Lisa Dugan Greg Harris Fred Crespo LaShawn Ford Will Burns Michelle Mussman Chuck Jefferson	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Special Committee on Veterans' Affairs</b>	<b>Mike McAuliffe, Chair</b> <b>Linda Chapa LaVia, Vice Chair</b> Jack Franks Connie Howard Joe Lyons Brandon Phelps Pat Verschoore Lisa Dugan LaShawn Ford Keith Farnham Jehan Gordon Carol Sente Chuck Jefferson	<b>13</b>	<b>10</b>

### REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE ON RULES

Representative Currie, Chairperson, from the Committee on Rules to which the following were referred, action taken on February 8, 2011, reported the same back with the following recommendations:

**LEGISLATIVE MEASURES ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE:**

Agriculture & Conservation: HOUSE BILLS 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 112, 142, 148, 153, 181, 240, 264, 265, 307 and 1080.

Appropriations-Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 326, 327 and 328.

Appropriations-General Services: HOUSE BILLS 113, 114, 115, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 128, 130, 131 and 135.

Appropriations-Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 116, 120 and 1085.

Appropriations-Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 127, 132, 133 and 134.

Appropriations-Public Safety: HOUSE BILLS 117, 118, 119, 129 and 136.

Cities & Villages: HOUSE BILLS 154, 177, 262, 294 and 1056.

Consumer Protection: HOUSE BILLS 252, 254, 283 and 1087.

Counties & Townships: HOUSE BILLS 156, 195, 216, 230, 242, 247, 248 and 1082.

Elections & Campaign Reform: HOUSE BILLS 27, 97, 232, 271, 278 and 1048.

Elementary & Secondary Education: HOUSE BILLS 12, 137, 139, 140, 189, 190, 192, 200, 209, 287, 288, 291, 292, 1071 and 1083 HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 4.

Environment & Energy: HOUSE BILLS 207, 250 and 1093.

Executive: HOUSE BILLS 2, 13, 14, 15, 18, 20, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 79, 80, 81, 83, 84, 89, 98, 110, 138, 144, 145, 146, 151, 155, 157, 169, 171, 176, 182, 183, 184, 187, 201, 202, 205, 206, 227, 229, 237, 238, 241, 246, 249, 251, 255, 260, 273, 296, 301, 306, 312,

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Financial Institutions: HOUSE BILL 159.

Health Care Availability and Accessibility: HOUSE BILLS 105, 221, 223, 224, 253, 279, 282 and 311.

Health Care Licenses: HOUSE BILLS 150, 274 and 308.

Higher Education: HOUSE BILLS 166, 225 and 304.

Human Services: HOUSE BILLS 10, 11, 30, 91, 95, 106, 107, 161, 162, 163, 203, 204, 244, 266, 275, 286 and 299.

Insurance: HOUSE BILLS 101, 220, 231, 270, 280, 289, 1092 and 1094.

Judiciary I - Civil Law: HOUSE BILLS 1, 7, 16, 17, 19, 92, 158, 174, 178, 186, 194, 214, 281, 293, 302, 305, 309, 1050, 1052, 1054, 1055, 1057, 1077 and 1091.

Judiciary II - Criminal Law: HOUSE BILLS 21, 78, 82, 85, 86, 87, 100, 102, 143, 160, 167, 180, 193, 196, 199, 215, 233, 257, 263, 276, 277, 284, 295, 297, 298, 1073, 1074 and 1075.

Labor: HOUSE BILLS 76, 96, 165, 191 and 1081.

Mass Transit: HOUSE BILL 267.

Personnel and Pensions: HOUSE BILL 149.

Revenue & Finance: HOUSE BILLS 9, 24, 25, 26, 28, 88, 108, 170, 172, 175, 185, 197, 198, 208, 210, 211, 212, 213, 226, 234, 235, 239, 243, 258, 259, 269, 272, 300, 303, 1049, 1051, 1053, 1058, 1088, 1089, and 1090.

State Government Administration: HOUSE BILLS 77, 93, 94, 99, 103, 104, 111, 152, 168, 173, 179, 218, 222, 236, 245, 261, 268, 310, 1070, 1076, 1078, 1084 and 1086.

Transportation: Vehicles & Safety: HOUSE BILLS 22, 23, 109, 147, 164, 188, 219, 285 and 290.  
 Adoption Reform: HOUSE BILL 90.  
 Environmental Health: HOUSE BILL 141.  
 Tollway Oversight: HOUSE BILL 228.

The committee roll call vote on the foregoing Legislative Measures is as follows:  
 4, Yeas; 0, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

Y Currie(D), Chairperson  
 Y Lang(D)  
 Y Mautino(D)

A Schmitz(R), Republican Spokesperson  
 Y Leitch(R)

### **MOTIONS SUBMITTED**

Representative Eddy submitted the following written motion, which was placed on the order of Motions in Writing:

#### **MOTION**

Pursuant to Rule 18(g), I move to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of AMENDMENT NO. 1 to HOUSE RESOLUTION 35 and advance to the order of Second Reading-Standard Debate.

### **BALANCED BUDGET NOTE SUPPLIED**

A Balanced Budget Note has been supplied for HOUSE BILL 171.

### **CHANGE OF SPONSORSHIP**

With the consent of the affected members, Representative William Davis was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Mayfield became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 91.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Monique Davis was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative McCarthy became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 14.

With the consent of the affected members, Representative Saviano was removed as principal sponsor, and Representative Lang became the new principal sponsor of HOUSE BILL 182.

### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

The following resolutions were offered and placed on the Calendar on the order of Agreed Resolutions.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 9**

Offered by Representative McAsey:  
 Mourns the death of Edward J. "Doc" McCartan.

#### **HOUSE RESOLUTION 11**

Offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell:  
 Mourns the death of Staff Sergeant Justus S. Bartelt of Polo.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 12

Offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell:  
Mourns the death of Lance Corporal Alec E. Catherwood of Byron.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 15

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Congratulates Sandy Benson on the occasion of her 20 years of dedicated service at Edward Hospital and Health Services in Naperville.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 16

Offered by Representative William Davis:  
Recognizes the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. on its 100th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 17

Offered by Representative Watson:  
Congratulates the owners and employees of The Farmers State Bank and Trust Company in Jacksonville on the occasion of the bank's 100th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 18

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Congratulates Bank of Herrin President Carl Goodwin on his retirement.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 19

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Mourns the death of United States Army Private First Class Andrew N. Meari of Plainfield.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 24

Offered by Representative Brady:  
Recognizes the 100th anniversary of the McLean County Boys High School Basketball Tournament.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 27

Offered by Representative Bellock:  
Congratulates the members of the Westmont Lions Club on their 75th anniversary.

HOUSE RESOLUTION 28

Offered by Representative Cross:  
Honors Tami Sender for her years of dedicated service to the Greater Joliet Area YMCA.



**HOUSE RESOLUTION 29**

Offered by Representative Jehan Gordon:  
Congratulates Dan Silverthorn on his retirement from the West Central Illinois Building and Construction Trades Council.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 32**

Offered by Representative Brown:  
Congratulates Nic Webster of Moweaqua for being designated as Correctional Officer of the Year.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 33**

Offered by Representative Osmond:  
Mourns the death of Howard "Bud" Scott of Fox Lake.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 34**

Offered by Representative Osmond:  
Mourns the death of Edna L. Dalgaard Barr of Antioch.

**HOUSE RESOLUTION 36**

Offered by Representative Bradley:  
Mourns the death of Elise Ryne Rochman.

**RESOLUTIONS**

Having been reported out of the Committee on Rules on February 7, 2011, HOUSE RESOLUTION 35 was taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the resolution.

Pursuant to Rule 18(g), Representative Eddy moved for unanimous consent to discharge the Committee on Rules from further consideration of Floor Amendment 1 to House Resolution 35, and requested a record vote on the motion.

Representative Currie was recognized and announced her opposition to the motion.

The Chair ruled that a record vote was not necessary because the motion was already lost due to the denial of unanimous consent.

Representative Eddy moved to appeal from the ruling of the Chair.

On the question of sustaining the ruling of the Chair, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

63, Yeas; 52, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 2)

The motion prevailed and the Chair was sustained.

And on the adoption of the resolution, a vote was taken resulting as follows:

63, Yeas; 52, Nays; 0, Answering Present.

(ROLL CALL 3)

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

**AGREED RESOLUTION**

HOUSE RESOLUTION 32 was taken up for consideration.  
Representative Brown moved the adoption of the agreed resolution.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolution was adopted.

### **SUSPEND POSTING REQUIREMENTS**

Pursuant to Rule 25, Representative Currie moved to suspend the posting requirements of Rule 21 in relation to the Revenue and Finance committee.  
The motion prevailed.

### **AGREED RESOLUTIONS**

HOUSE RESOLUTIONS 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 24, 27, 28, 29, 33, 34 and 36, were taken up for consideration.

Representative Currie moved the adoption of the agreed resolutions.

The motion prevailed and the agreed resolutions were adopted.

At the hour of 2:57 o'clock p.m., Representative Currie moved that the House do now adjourn until Wednesday, February 9, 2011, at 9:00 o'clock a.m., allowing perfunctory time for the Clerk.

The motion prevailed.

And the House stood adjourned.

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-SEVENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE ROLL CALL  
QUORUM ROLL CALL FOR ATTENDANCE

February 08, 2011

0 YEAS

0 NAYS

115 PRESENT

P Acevedo	P DeLuca	P Lilly	P Reitz
P Arroyo	P Dugan	P Lyons	P Riley
P Barickman	P Dunkin	P Mathias	P Rita
P Beaubien	P Durkin	P Mautino	P Rose
P Beiser	P Eddy	P May	P Rosenthal
P Bellock	P Farnham	P Mayfield	P Roth
P Berrios	P Feigenholtz	P McAsey	P Sacia
P Biss	P Flowers	P McAuliffe	P Saviano
P Bost	P Ford	P McCarthy	P Schmitz
P Bradley	P Fortner	P McGuire	P Senger
P Brady	P Franks	P Mell	P Sente
P Brauer	P Gabel	P Mendoza	P Sommer
P Brown	E Golar	P Mitchell, Bill	P Sosnowski
P Burke, Daniel	P Gordon, Jehan	P Mitchell, Jerry	P Soto
P Burke, Kelly	P Hammond	P Moffitt	P Stephens
P Burns	P Harris, David	P Morrison	P Sullivan
P Cavaletto	P Harris, Greg	P Morthland	P Thapedi
P Chapa LaVia	P Hatcher	E Mulligan	P Tracy
P Coladipietro	P Hays	P Mussman	P Tryon
P Cole	P Hernandez	P Nekritz	P Turner
P Collins	P Holbrook	P Nybo	P Unes
P Colvin	P Howard	P Osmond	P Verschoore
P Connelly	P Jackson	P Osterman	P Watson
P Crespo	P Jakobsson	P Phelps	P Williams
P Cross	P Jefferson	P Pihos	P Winters
P Cunningham	P Jones	P Poe	P Yarbrough
P Currie	P Kay	P Pritchard	P Zalewski
P D'Amico	P Kosel	P Ramey	P Mr. Speaker
P Davis, Monique	P Lang	E Reboletti	
P Davis, William	P Leitch	P Reis	

E - Denotes Excused Absence

STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-SEVENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE ROLL CALL  
SHALL THE RULING OF THE CHAIR BE SUSTAINED  
PREVAILED

February 08, 2011

63 YEAS

52 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y DeLuca	Y Lilly	Y Reitz
Y Arroyo	Y Dugan	Y Lyons	Y Riley
N Barickman	Y Dunkin	N Mathias	Y Rita
N Beaubien	N Durkin	Y Mautino	N Rose
Y Beiser	N Eddy	Y May	N Rosenthal
N Bellock	Y Farnham	Y Mayfield	N Roth
Y Berrios	Y Feigenholtz	Y McAsey	N Sacia
Y Biss	Y Flowers	N McAuliffe	N Saviano
N Bost	Y Ford	Y McCarthy	N Schmitz
Y Bradley	N Fortner	Y McGuire	N Senger
N Brady	Y Franks	Y Mell	Y Sente
N Brauer	Y Gabel	Y Mendoza	N Sommer
N Brown	E Golar	N Mitchell, Bill	N Sosnowski
Y Burke, Daniel	Y Gordon, Jehan	N Mitchell, Jerry	Y Soto
Y Burke, Kelly	N Hammond	N Moffitt	N Stephens
Y Burns	N Harris, David	N Morrison	N Sullivan
N Cavaletto	Y Harris, Greg	N Morthland	Y Thapedi
Y Chapa LaVia	N Hatcher	E Mulligan	N Tracy
N Coladipietro	N Hays	Y Mussman	N Tryon
N Cole	Y Hernandez	Y Nekritz	Y Turner
Y Collins	Y Holbrook	N Nybo	N Unes
Y Colvin	Y Howard	N Osmond	Y Verschoore
N Connelly	Y Jackson	Y Osterman	N Watson
Y Crespo	Y Jakobsson	Y Phelps	Y Williams
N Cross	Y Jefferson	N Pihos	N Winters
Y Cunningham	Y Jones	N Poe	Y Yarbrough
Y Currie	N Kay	N Pritchard	Y Zalewski
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Y Davis, William	N Leitch	N Reis	

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STATE OF ILLINOIS  
NINETY-SEVENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
HOUSE ROLL CALL  
HOUSE RESOLUTION 35  
HOUSE RULES-97TH G.A.  
ADOPTED

February 08, 2011

63 YEAS

52 NAYS

0 PRESENT

Y Acevedo	Y DeLuca	Y Lilly	Y Reitz
Y Arroyo	Y Dugan	Y Lyons	Y Riley
N Barickman	Y Dunkin	N Mathias	Y Rita
N Beaubien	N Durkin	Y Mautino	N Rose
Y Beiser	N Eddy	Y May	N Rosenthal
N Bellock	Y Farnham	Y Mayfield	N Roth
Y Berrios	Y Feigenholtz	Y McAsey	N Sacia
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**11TH LEGISLATIVE DAY**

**Perfunctory Session**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2011**

At the hour of 3:11 o'clock p.m., the House convened perfunctory session.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF BILLS**

The following bills were introduced, read by title a first time, ordered reproduced and placed in the Committee on Rules:

HOUSE BILL 1152. Introduced by Representative Bradley, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1153. Introduced by Representatives Bradley - Mathias, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 1154. Introduced by Representative Bradley, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1155. Introduced by Representative Holbrook, AN ACT concerning abandoned vehicles.

HOUSE BILL 1156. Introduced by Representative Bost, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1157. Introduced by Representative Bost, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1158. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1159. Introduced by Representative Turner, AN ACT concerning housing.

HOUSE BILL 1160. Introduced by Representative Morthland, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1161. Introduced by Representative Morthland, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1162. Introduced by Representative Morthland, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1163. Introduced by Representative Morthland, AN ACT concerning wildlife.

HOUSE BILL 1164. Introduced by Representative Morthland, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1165. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1166. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning animals.

HOUSE BILL 1167. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 1168. Introduced by Representative Verschoore, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1169. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning warehouses.

HOUSE BILL 1170. Introduced by Representative Phelps, AN ACT concerning animals.

HOUSE BILL 1171. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1172. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1173. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1174. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1175. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1176. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1177. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1178. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1179. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1180. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1181. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1182. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1183. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1184. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1185. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1186. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1187. Introduced by Representative McAsey, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1188. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning law enforcement.

HOUSE BILL 1189. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning housing.

HOUSE BILL 1190. Introduced by Representative Yarbrough, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1191. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 1192. Introduced by Representative Lang, AN ACT concerning liquor.

HOUSE BILL 1193. Introduced by Representative Harris, David, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 1194. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1195. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1196. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 1197. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 1198. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning public employee benefits.

HOUSE BILL 1199. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning appropriations.

HOUSE BILL 1200. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1201. Introduced by Representative Lyons, AN ACT concerning employment.

HOUSE BILL 1202. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 1203. Introduced by Representative Beiser, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1204. Introduced by Representative Howard, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 1205. Introduced by Representative Howard, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1206. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 1207. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1208. Introduced by Representative Berrios, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1209. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 1210. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning State employment.

HOUSE BILL 1211. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1212. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1213. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1214. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1215. Introduced by Representative Riley, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1216. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning education.

HOUSE BILL 1217. Introduced by Representative Chapa LaVia, AN ACT concerning health.

HOUSE BILL 1218. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1219. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1220. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1221. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1222. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1223. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 1224. Introduced by Representative Davis, William, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1225. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1226. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning finance.

HOUSE BILL 1227. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1228. Introduced by Representative Saviano, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1229. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning courts.



- HOUSE BILL 1230. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 1231. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 1232. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 1233. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning civil law.
- HOUSE BILL 1234. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 1235. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning appropriations.
- HOUSE BILL 1236. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning corrections.
- HOUSE BILL 1237. Introduced by Representative Mayfield, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 1238. Introduced by Representatives May - Gabel - Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning insurance.
- HOUSE BILL 1239. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 1240. Introduced by Representative Franks, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 1241. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning transportation.
- HOUSE BILL 1242. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 1243. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 1244. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning public aid.
- HOUSE BILL 1245. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning criminal law.
- HOUSE BILL 1246. Introduced by Representative Hernandez, AN ACT concerning elections.
- HOUSE BILL 1247. Introduced by Representative Zalewski, AN ACT concerning animals.
- HOUSE BILL 1248. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning education.
- HOUSE BILL 1249. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning public health.
- HOUSE BILL 1250. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning local government.
- HOUSE BILL 1251. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning sex offenders.
- HOUSE BILL 1252. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning the Department of Employment Security.
- HOUSE BILL 1253. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning sex offenders.
- HOUSE BILL 1254. Introduced by Representative Mell, AN ACT concerning safety.
- HOUSE BILL 1255. Introduced by Representative Feigenholtz, AN ACT concerning families.
- HOUSE BILL 1256. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1257. Introduced by Representative Sacia, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1258. Introduced by Representatives Farnham - Mussman, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1259. Introduced by Representatives Farnham - Mussman, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 1260. Introduced by Representatives Farnham - Mussman, AN ACT concerning veterans.

HOUSE BILL 1261. Introduced by Representatives Farnham - Mussman, AN ACT concerning public health.

HOUSE BILL 1262. Introduced by Representative Mussman, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1263. Introduced by Representatives Farnham - Mussman, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1264. Introduced by Representative Farnham, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1265. Introduced by Representative Dunkin, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1266. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 1267. Introduced by Representative Flowers, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 1268. Introduced by Representative Brady, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1269. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 1270. Introduced by Representative Nekritz, AN ACT concerning safety.

HOUSE BILL 1271. Introduced by Representative Burns, AN ACT concerning State government.

HOUSE BILL 1272. Introduced by Representative May, AN ACT concerning criminal law.

HOUSE BILL 1273. Introduced by Representative Burns, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 1274. Introduced by Representative Burns, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1275. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1276. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning business.

HOUSE BILL 1277. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning government.

HOUSE BILL 1278. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning local government.

HOUSE BILL 1279. Introduced by Representative Rita, AN ACT concerning regulation.

HOUSE BILL 1280. Introduced by Representative McCarthy, AN ACT concerning elections.

HOUSE BILL 1281. Introduced by Representative Colvin, AN ACT concerning civil law.

HOUSE BILL 1282. Introduced by Representative Ford, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1283. Introduced by Representative Bradley, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1284. Introduced by Representative Davis, Monique, AN ACT concerning insurance.

HOUSE BILL 1285. Introduced by Representative Winters, AN ACT concerning revenue.

HOUSE BILL 1286. Introduced by Representative Winters, AN ACT concerning transportation.

HOUSE BILL 1287. Introduced by Representative Osmond, AN ACT concerning regulation.

## HOUSE RESOLUTIONS

The following resolutions were offered and placed in the Committee on Rules.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION 10

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The mortgage foreclosure crisis deepened after it was disclosed that several large home mortgage lenders utilized procedures that were legally insufficient to support foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, After problems were revealed about the manner in which foreclosure affidavits were processed, the uncertainty about the true ownership of mortgages, and the questionable legal standing of the entities that initiated foreclosure proceedings, 2 of the nation's largest residential lenders announced that they were each beginning a self-imposed mortgage foreclosure moratorium; and

WHEREAS, Although this crisis has its origins in numerous events, practices, and policy decisions, a central element of the foreclosure problem is the Mortgage Electronic Registry System (MERS), an electronic registry of land records which was created in 1998 by the Federal National Mortgage Association (Fannie Mae), the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (Freddie Mac), and several large U.S. banks; and

WHEREAS, Today MERS is listed as the agent for mortgage lenders on documents for 65 million home loans, which represent about 60% of the mortgages in the United States, and is the agent for about 97% of the home mortgages created between 2005 and 2008; and

WHEREAS, Although MERS boasts on its website that it "simplifies the way mortgage ownership and servicing rights are originated, sold and tracked" which "eliminates the need to prepare and record assignments when trading residential and commercial mortgage loans", housing counselors and advocates have documented patterns of abuse and fraud by mortgage servicers that utilized MERS; and

WHEREAS, Joining MERS at the center of the foreclosure crisis is the practice of "robo-signing", the process of generating thousands of affidavits often by unskilled and unqualified employees who neither read nor certified the underlying documents, which are used to obtain summary judgments in foreclosure proceedings; and

WHEREAS, Since a large volume of mortgages were digitized, there have been countless instances of original promissory notes being lost or misplaced; in lieu of producing the original promissory notes in the foreclosure proceedings, servicers simply provided "robo-signed" affidavits that state that the loan servicers own the notes; and

WHEREAS, Court records in mortgage foreclosure cases have documented egregious examples of: falsified documents; "fee padding"; misapplication of mortgage payments; and improper, unnecessarily expensive insurance assessments, which, in turn, precipitated defaults on otherwise up-to-date loans and wholly improper mortgage foreclosures; and

WHEREAS, The effect of all of these problems and the resulting consumer confusion cry out for a nationwide moratorium on pending and new mortgage foreclosures; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge Congress to enact legislation that creates a mortgage foreclosure moratorium to allow a thorough review of foreclosure actions, provide meaningful opportunities for homeowners to renegotiate their mortgages so as to avoid foreclosure, enact further reforms, and allow the entire housing market to return to normalcy; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to President Barack Obama, the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives, the President pro tempore of the United States

Senate, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION 13

Offered by Representative Jerry Mitchell:

WHEREAS, President Ronald Wilson Reagan, a man of humble background, worked throughout his life serving freedom and advancing the public good, having been employed as an entertainer, union leader, corporate spokesman, Governor of the State of California, and President of the United States; and

WHEREAS, Ronald Reagan served with honor and distinction for two terms as the 40th President of the United States of America; during his second election, he earned the confidence of three-fifths of the electorate and was victorious in 49 of the 50 states in the general election - a record unsurpassed in the history of American presidential elections; and

WHEREAS, In 1981, when Ronald Reagan was inaugurated President, he inherited a disillusioned nation shackled by rampant inflation and high unemployment; and

WHEREAS, During Mr. Reagan's presidency, he worked in a bipartisan manner to enact his bold agenda of restoring accountability and common sense to government, which led to unprecedented economic expansion and opportunity for millions of Americans; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Reagan's commitment to an active social policy agenda for the nation's children helped lower crime and drug use in our neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's commitment to our armed forces contributed to the restoration of pride in America, her values, and those cherished by the free world, and prepared America's armed forces to meet the challenges of the 21st century; and

WHEREAS, President Reagan's vision of "peace through strength" led to the end of the Cold War and the ultimate demise of the Soviet Union, guaranteeing basic human rights for millions of people; and

WHEREAS, February 6, 2011 will be the 100th anniversary of Ronald Reagan's birth and the seventh since his passing; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the date of February 6, 2011, be designated as Ronald Reagan Day in the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That we urge the citizens of this State to take cognizance of this event and to participate fittingly in its observance.

### HOUSE RESOLUTION 14

Offered by Representative Cross:

WHEREAS, During the 96th General Assembly, House Resolution 163 created a task force to study local government development standards and processes and their effect on watersheds, wetlands, and floodplains; and

WHEREAS, The task force must also study the effect of local government development standards and processes on floodways and all other natural areas, especially those areas with water-related issues; and

WHEREAS, The goal of the task force is to improve management practices concerning local government development standards, with a focus on all of the following:

- (1) local government development practices and the short-term and long-term impact on natural areas, other affected or potentially affected lands, and subsequent property owners;
- (2) effects and impacts of mass grading, compensatory storage, drainage, runoff, bank stabilization, diversion of flood waters, development practices on pervious surfaces, deforestation, and elimination of prairie and wetlands;
- (3) local government zoning authority practices and their impact on private developers;
- (4) local government solicitation of and adherence to recommendations and findings of county, state, and federal agencies that regulate land, water, forest, or any other natural resource; and

WHEREAS, The task force was required to report its findings and recommendations to the General

Assembly on or before January 1, 2010; and

WHEREAS, The task force needs additional time to complete its work; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the task force created by House Resolution 163 of the 96th General Assembly shall report its finding and recommendations to the General Assembly on or before January 1, 2012; and be it further

RESOLVED, That with this reporting extension, the task force shall operate pursuant to this resolution and House Resolution 163 of the 96th General Assembly.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 20

Offered by Representative Reitz:

WHEREAS, Each year, an estimated 250 people fall through ice-covered bodies of water and drown; most are boys between the ages of 6 and 15 years; and

WHEREAS, On February 19, 2010, Kathy Kohler Baxmeyer, her son, Kadin, and Kadin's best friend, Austin, all drowned after ice gave way on a frozen pond, the boys fell through, and Kadin's mom tried to save them; and

WHEREAS, Project SKiPPeR was created out of that tragedy and is an educational program that will go into schools and teach children about the dangers of ice-covered water; and

WHEREAS, Project SKiPPeR is an acronym for "stay calm, kick like a swimmer, aim for ice edge, prop arms onto ice opening, pull yourself up onto ice, exit the water, roll away"; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we respectfully request that the State Board of Education inform school districts about Project SKiPPeR; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be delivered to the State Board of Education.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 21

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are urging the federal government to seek passage of the United Nations treaty, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and

WHEREAS, The Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), adopted in 1979 by the United Nations General Assembly, is often described as an international bill of rights for women; consisting of a preamble and 30 articles, it defines what constitutes discrimination against women and sets up an agenda for national action to end such discrimination; and

WHEREAS, The Convention defines discrimination against women as "any distinction, exclusion or restriction made on the basis of sex which has the effect or purpose of impairing or nullifying the recognition, enjoyment or exercise by women, irrespective of their marital status, on a basis of equality of men and women, of human rights and fundamental freedoms in the political, economic, social, cultural, civil or any other field"; and

WHEREAS, By accepting the Convention, States commit themselves to undertake a series of measures to end discrimination against women in all forms, including: to incorporate the principle of equality of men and women in their legal system; to abolish all discriminatory laws and adopt appropriate ones prohibiting discrimination against women; to establish tribunals and other public institutions to ensure the effective protection of women against discrimination; and to ensure elimination of all acts of discrimination against women by persons, organizations, or enterprises; and

WHEREAS, Advancing women's human rights worldwide is fundamental to America's national security interests and a cornerstone of the nation's foreign policy; ratification of the Convention would amplify the U.S. voice in defense of women and girls at a time when their rights, even their clothing, are a global battleground; it would send the strongest possible signal that America is back as an international team

player on the one hand, while reasserting our proud bipartisan tradition of promoting and protecting human rights on the other; and

WHEREAS, Only seven of the United Nations' 193 member countries have not ratified the Convention: Iran, Sudan, Somalia, three small Pacific island countries (Nauru, Palau, and Tonga), and the United States; and

WHEREAS, The Convention offers a practical blueprint for action that every country can use to make progress toward ending discrimination; American women enjoy opportunities and status not available to most of the world's women, but few would dispute that more progress is needed, such as in ending domestic violence and closing the pay gap between men and women; and

WHEREAS, The Convention would not lead to any automatic changes in U.S. law, and there is no additional cost; the treaty provides a framework for the continuing national dialogue on women's equality, as it does in every country; ratification of the Convention requires 67 United States Senate votes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Senate of the United States to ratify the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to United States President Barack Obama and the members of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 22

Offered by Representative Flowers:

WHEREAS, The Medicare Rights Center (MRC) published "Medicare: A National Treasure for Forty Years" (2005); the Medicare program was created as part of the Social Security Amendments of 1965, and the program will celebrate its 46th anniversary on July 30, 2011; and

WHEREAS, The MRC's findings are still valid, to wit: the Medicare program has become a national treasure, reflecting the nation's commitment to the health and independence of older Americans and Americans with disabilities by providing health care coverage to 45 million people; and

WHEREAS, The original design of the Medicare program - its universality, shared risk, simplicity and dependability - created the foundation for its 46 years of success; Medicare's universal nature ensures that virtually all older Americans and many people with disabilities receive the health care they need, while Medicare pools risk in order to share the financial burdens of illness across healthy and sick individuals and affluent and low-income families; for 46 years, Medicare has guaranteed coverage for a defined set of benefits at a uniform and predictable cost to all seniors and to people with disabilities regardless of their income, health status, or where they live and has dramatically improved the quality of life for millions of individuals; and

WHEREAS, Among the most important reasons to celebrate the past 46 years of Medicare are: (1) guaranteed access to care for people with Medicare; (2) improved quality of life for older Americans and people with disabilities; (3) administrative efficiency and cost containment; (4) critical support for America's healthcare system; and (5) guaranteed benefits and choice of providers; and

WHEREAS, Prior to Medicare, only half of older adults had health insurance; private insurers were unable or unwilling to provide comprehensive, affordable health care coverage to the growing aged population, who were either too old or too sick and therefore too high an insurance risk; through the guarantee of Medicare coverage, the federal government established protections for all people with Medicare that ensure that everyone - including those battling costly illnesses - have access to covered services; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is the second largest source of federal spending for HIV care and treatment, and approximately one out of every five HIV-positive Americans receiving regular medical care depends, at least in part, on the Medicare program; and

WHEREAS, Medicare has also improved access to care in other ways; for example, Medicare was, and continues to be, instrumental in reducing disparities in access and coverage for racial and ethnic minority groups; and

WHEREAS, A 2001 survey demonstrates that people with Medicare are generally more satisfied with their health care than are persons under age 65 who are covered by private insurance; people with Medicare

report fewer problems getting access to care, greater confidence about their access, and fewer instances of financial hardship as a result of medical bills; Medicare creates access to health care across many dimensions: access to physician services; access to necessary care; and reduced financial barriers to care; older Americans with Medicare experience comparatively fewer financial barriers to care; and

WHEREAS, By the year 2030, 20 percent of the U.S. population - 77 million people - will be eligible for Medicare, compared to the 14 percent of Americans who are Medicare-eligible today; while Medicare gives all Americans a sense of security knowing their parents, grandparents, friends and neighbors can access the health care they need, before long the next generation of Americans will need to count on Medicare too; and

WHEREAS, Thanks to Medicare, millions of Americans are able to afford life-saving care, but Medicare also improves the quality of life for older Americans in other ways; for example, Medicare is also a social safety net that has lifted millions of people out of poverty; in fact, since Medicare was created in 1965, poverty among the elderly has been reduced by nearly two-thirds; by financing health care services, Medicare safeguards beneficiaries and their families from the ruinous costs of medical treatments and prevents individuals from spending unmanageable proportions of their incomes on medical care or being pushed into poverty by their medical bills; in addition, life expectancy has increased by three years and more people are living past the age of 85 than ever before, while disability rates among the elderly are decreasing; with improvements in Medicare coverage for preventive services, such as breast and prostate cancer screening, and advances in care management for people with chronic conditions, further reductions in morbidity and disability can be expected; and

WHEREAS, Equally important in assessing Medicare's success is Medicare's cost-effectiveness; Medicare has consistently contained health care costs better than private health plans; analysis of cumulative spending over a 30-year period further illustrates Medicare's ability to control costs over time; Medicare has been able to accomplish this cost-containment record, in part, by using its resources more efficiently, assessing the clinical effectiveness of services when making coverage decisions and when setting payment rates for certain services; and

WHEREAS, Medicare's payment structure supports the United States' health system infrastructure; for example, Medicare supports the nation's teaching hospitals and educational opportunities for health care professionals, through enhanced payments; by supporting graduate education for physicians and other providers, Medicare benefits all Americans, whether or not they are covered by Medicare; Medicare also provides extra support to hospitals that serve a disproportionate number of low-income patients and to rural hospitals, which are often more heavily dependent on Medicare reimbursement than other facilities; Medicare also provides enhanced payments to rural health clinics and Federally Qualified Health Centers in medically underserved areas to ensure that care is available for vulnerable people; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is the largest single payer for services provided by the 7,000 home health agencies nationwide; moreover, Medicare is an essential part of the entire U.S. economy as well as a pillar of the health system; and

WHEREAS, Medicare is simple, popular and reliable; seniors are very satisfied with the Medicare program; Medicare's success is related to the unparalleled choice and availability of physicians and health care services that it offers people; and

WHEREAS, Medicare has served Americans well; it is equally available to all seniors and to people with disabilities, regardless of health or financial status, and realizes the right to health care for many of America's most vulnerable individuals; Medicare continues to symbolize a rational, just and systematic approach to health care access for all Americans; and

WHEREAS, The enactment of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003 (MMA) has prompted significant changes to the Medicare program; the MMA established a new outpatient prescription drug benefit - Medicare Part D - for people with Medicare coverage, and replaced Medicaid drug coverage with the new Part D program for people who receive health coverage from both Medicare and Medicaid; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we celebrate the past 46 years of Medicare and urge the United States Congress to make sure that the millions of seniors and Americans with disabilities who rely on it will be able to enjoy its dependability and simplicity in the years to come; Medicare's successes to date should guide future changes to the program, so that it can continue to ensure access to care, improve quality of life, support the health care system, and enjoy broad support among the people whom it helps every day; and be it further

RESOLVED, That strengthening Medicare and improving the Medicare Part D drug program should be

a vital part of any reform of the American health care system; and be it further

RESOLVED, That, given the history and successes of the Medicare program, the United States Congress and the President of the United States should consider enactment of a "Single Payer" option based on the Medicare model as an additional component of a national health reform plan, so that all of the people in America may access comprehensive, quality health care in the most cost-effective and efficient manner possible; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to President Barack Obama and each member of the Illinois Congressional delegation.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 25

Offered by Representative Hays:

WHEREAS, Farmers' markets provide not only a valuable marketplace for farmers to sell their products directly to consumers, but also a place for consumers to access fresh fruits, vegetables, and other agricultural products; and

WHEREAS, These markets successfully operate across Illinois; however, there is a lack of comprehensive regulation from one county to the next, resulting in discrepancies between counties regarding the products that may be sold; and

WHEREAS, In 1999, the Department of Public Health published "Technical Information Bulletin/Food #30," in order to outline the sanitation guidelines required for farmers' markets, producer markets, and other outdoor food sales events; and

WHEREAS, This bulletin has not been uniformly interpreted across the State; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that there is created the Task Force on Farmers' Markets, consisting of 14 members appointed as follows: the President of the Senate, the Minority Leader of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives shall each appoint one member; the Director of Public Health or his or her designee, the Director of Agriculture or his or her designee, a representative of a general agricultural production association appointed by the Department of Agriculture, 3 representatives of local county public health departments appointed by the Director of Public Health and selected from 3 different counties representing each of the northern, central, and southern portions of Illinois, and 4 members of the general public who are engaged in local farmers' markets appointed by the Director of Agriculture; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Director of Public Health shall serve as the chair; the Task Force shall meet at the call of the Chair; and the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force can appoint members as it sees fit to serve as representatives of local farmers' markets or other concerned parties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the duty of the Task Force is to undertake a comprehensive and thorough review of the current implementation of the various Acts that define which products and practices are permitted and which products and practices are not permitted at farmers' markets and other outdoor food sale events; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall assist the Department of Public Health in developing interagency agreements and programs and procedures regarding the implementation of the various Acts that define which products and practices are permitted and which products and practices are not permitted at farmers' markets and other outdoor food sale events; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Public Health shall provide staffing support to the Task Force and shall administer and prepare all reports deemed necessary in conjunction with the Task Force; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force may request assistance from any entity necessary or useful for the performance of its duties; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall issue a report with its recommendations to the Secretary of the Senate and the Clerk of the House on or before December 31, 2012.



## HOUSE RESOLUTION 26

Offered by Representative Franks:

WHEREAS, Mental illnesses, such as depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, and many others, can lead to suicide attempts if left untreated; and

WHEREAS, Mental illness is recognized as a disorder of the mind and body; if left undiagnosed, undertreated, or untreated, mental illness increases the chances of an attempted or successful suicide; and

WHEREAS, Many suicides are derived from depression and other mental disorders, a substance abuse disorder, or a combination of both; and

WHEREAS, The stigma associated with suicide is the result of a lack of understanding of mental illness; and

WHEREAS, The survivors of suicide represent a large group of people who suffer alone and in silence; and

WHEREAS, For every successful suicide, there are an estimated minimum of 6 suicide survivors; and

WHEREAS, Suicide is the 11th leading cause of death in the United States; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we express our support for improved suicide awareness in the State of Illinois in order to educate citizens about mental illness and other disorders that can lead to suicide and successful diagnosis and treatment of the underlying causes of suicide, thereby increasing the numbers of survivors.

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 30

Offered by Representative Dunkin:

WHEREAS, Public transportation serves an important role in meeting the transportation needs of many State citizens; and

WHEREAS, The State must be prepared to consolidate the mass transit services provided by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority in order to provide citizens with the most effective and cost efficient means of public transportation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Mass Transit Consolidation Commission is created for the purpose of recommending the best procedure and governmental structure for consolidating the mass transit services provided by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall be composed of 10 members as follows:

(1) 4 members of the Illinois House of Representatives, 2 appointed by the Speaker of the House and 2 appointed by the House Minority Leader;

(2) 4 members of the Illinois Senate, 2 appointed by the Senate President and 2 appointed by the Senate Minority Leader; and

(3) 2 public members appointed by the Governor; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a person appointed as a public member of the Commission must have expertise and experience in the area of public transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Commission shall elect one member to serve as the chair of the Commission; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a member of the Commission is not entitled to compensation but is entitled to reimbursement for the travel expenses incurred by the member while transacting Commission business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall meet at least monthly at the times and places that the chair designates; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a majority of the members of the Commission constitute a quorum for transacting Commission business; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission shall prepare and issue a report to the Governor and the General

Assembly by July 1, 2012, recommending the best procedure and governmental structure for consolidating the mass transit services provided by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the report must include recommendations for legislation to implement the consolidation of mass transit services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission must hold at least one public hearing in each of the counties served by the Regional Transportation Authority, the Commuter Rail Board, the Suburban Bus Board, and the Chicago Transit Authority in order to receive public input concerning the consolidation of mass transit services; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation shall provide administrative and other support to the Commission.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 31

Offered by Representative Kay:

WHEREAS, The Illinois public pension systems are estimated to have an unfunded liability of \$80 billion, and the State's contribution to those systems is expected to be \$22 billion in fiscal year 2045; and

WHEREAS, The Pew Center issued a study on state pensions, titled "The Trillion Dollar Gap", which reported that Illinois has the worst funded pension systems in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, the Illinois pension systems have used questionable accounting and investment practices; and

WHEREAS, The State of Illinois is facing an unprecedented funding shortfall in all of its pension systems and is commonly considered the worst funded public pension systems among the 50 states; and

WHEREAS, Former Governor Rod Blagojevich was indicted for corruption involving official actions pertaining to the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, State law provides limits on Freedom of Information Act requests for pension data that limit the transparency of the pension systems of the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, It was recently made public that the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission has opened an inquiry into the reporting of potential pension reform savings by the pension systems; and

WHEREAS, The inquiry has raised questions about investment decisions, investment returns, and accounting techniques that warrant an audit of the pension systems; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we urge the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability to competitively bid for an auditing firm to conduct an audit of the State Employee's Retirement System of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the firm shall look into all processes of the systems, including examining contracts awarded, investment decisions, investment returns, investment fees, trading commissions, accounting techniques, and any other processes related to the management of the funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability report within one year after the adoption of this resolution to the General Assembly and Governor, and publish on its website, all findings, including recommendations on how each system can improve efficiency and any finding of suspected corruption; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the pension systems involved fully cooperate and turn over any materials requested by the auditing firm; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability begin the process of selecting an auditing firm as soon as possible after the adoption of this resolution so that an initial discovery audit will be made available within 2 months to the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability and the public; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability report quarterly on the fiscal condition of the pension systems, in particular: the current funding ratio, as projected with and without the use of 5-year asset smoothing; balance of assets; cash on hand; and projected liabilities; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Executive Director of the Commission on Government Forecasting and Accountability, as well as to the State Employees' Retirement System of Illinois, the Judges Retirement System of Illinois, the General Assembly Retirement System, the State Universities Retirement System, and the Teachers' Retirement System of the State of Illinois.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 37

Offered by Representative Mathias:

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection Affordable Care Act, H.R. 3590 (the Act) into law; and

WHEREAS, The Act mandates among other things that all citizens and legal residents of the United States have qualifying healthcare coverage or pay a tax penalty; and

WHEREAS, On March 23, 2010, Attorneys General from the following states filed suit in the United States District Court of the Northern District of Florida: Florida, South Carolina, Nebraska, Texas, Utah, Louisiana, Alabama, Michigan, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Washington, Idaho, and South Dakota (the States) against the United States Department of Health and Human Services, the United States Department of the Treasury, and the United States Department of Labor; and

WHEREAS, The suit filed by the States alleges, among other things, that:

(1) the U.S. Constitution nowhere authorizes the United States to mandate, either directly or under threat of penalty, that all citizens and legal residents have qualifying healthcare coverage;

(2) the Act exceeds the powers of the United States under Article I of the Constitution and violates the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution;

(3) the tax penalty required under the Act which must be paid by uninsured citizens and residents, constitutes an unlawful capitation or direct tax, in violation of Article I, Sections 2 and 9 of the Constitution of the United States;

(4) the Act violates the Tenth Amendment to the Constitution; and

(5) the Act violates the sovereign rights of states and their citizens' and residents' rights; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Illinois House of Representatives urges the Attorney General to take steps necessary to file a suit challenging the constitutionality of the Act in order to protect the sovereign rights of the State of Illinois, as well as the State and federal constitutionally guaranteed rights of its residents and citizens; and be it further

RESOLVED, That that a copy of this resolution be delivered to the Attorney General.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 38

Offered by Representative Beaubien:

WHEREAS, Economic growth and increased opportunity are of utmost importance in this current economic downturn; and

WHEREAS, New commercial, residential, and affordable housing development plays an important role in stimulating economic growth, job creation, and infrastructure and environmental improvements in the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, New real estate development, especially in the commercial, residential, and affordable housing fields, plays an important role in maintaining property values and in maintaining the financial stability of units of government at all levels throughout the State of Illinois; and

WHEREAS, Many public pensions have suffered decreases in the value of their investment portfolios; many of those portfolios have investments in real estate partnerships; and

WHEREAS, Public-private partnerships play a key role in encouraging and accelerating commercial, residential, and affordable housing development projects, thereby helping to improve our nation's

communities; and

WHEREAS, There is an inherent risk associated with commercial, residential, and affordable housing development projects; and

WHEREAS, Partnerships are widely used in real estate projects in order to provide flexibility in allocating risks and potential rewards in real estate projects; and

WHEREAS, Current legislative proposals in Congress, including H.R. 4213, would re-characterize carried interest, currently treated as capital gains, as ordinary income, thereby discouraging real estate partnerships from investing in Illinois; this proposal could also depress economic activity across our State and jeopardize the stability of property values and the value of any pension funds which may be invested in such real estate partnerships; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we respectfully urge the United States Congress and the President of the United States to maintain the current capital gains tax treatment or classification for tax purposes of promoted or carried interest used by real estate partnerships; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be delivered to the Majority and Minority Leaders of the United States Senate, the Speaker and Minority Leader of the United States House of Representatives, and each member of the Illinois congressional delegation.

#### HOUSE RESOLUTION 39

Offered by Representative Brady:

WHEREAS, The prescription of psychotropic drugs to treat psychiatric disorders has greatly increased in recent years; and

WHEREAS, The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has, since 2004, required manufacturers of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor antidepressant medications (SSRIs) to add black box warnings to their product labeling, advising that studies have shown an increase in suicidal thinking and behavior among children and adolescents suffering from psychiatric disorders; and

WHEREAS, Health authorities in Canada, the European Union, Australia, and Great Britain have issued warnings regarding the increased risk of self-harm or harm to others associated with SSRIs; and

WHEREAS, In recent years there have been numerous documented instances of suicides and acts of violence against others by persons reported to have been taking antidepressants and/or other psychotropic medications; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Psychotropic Substances Suicide Risk Task Force be created within the Department of Public Health to (1) study and report upon the available research relevant to the reputed causal link between prescription of psychotropic substances and acts of suicide or violence against others; (2) to evaluate whether the State of Illinois' current policies with regard to psychotropic substances are adequate to protect the public; and (3) to make recommendations as to whether Illinois should consider adopting additional policies with regard to psychotropic substances, including but not limited to requiring county coroners to test for psychotropic substances in cases of suspected suicide; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall consist of the following members: 3 members appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed co-chairperson, and 3 members appointed by the Minority Leader of the House of Representatives, one of whom shall be appointed co-chairperson; and 2 members appointed by the Director of the Department of Public Health; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall take voluntary assistance and testimony from individuals and/or professional organizations and institutions; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for actual expenses while serving on the Task Force from funds appropriated to the Department of Public Health for that purpose; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Task Force shall submit its final report to the Governor and the General Assembly no later than December 31, 2011.

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 5

Offered by Representative Sacia:

WHEREAS, Illinois Route 75 is an east-west road in north-central Illinois stretching over 40 miles through Stephenson and Winnebago Counties; Highway 75 runs from Freeport to the Wisconsin state line southeast of Beloit, Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, An effort to dedicate Highway 75 in its entirety as the Purple Heart Trail in honor of wounded and deceased veterans has been undertaken by The American Legion Gold Post 676 in Durand; and

WHEREAS, The Purple Heart is awarded in the name of the President of the United States to any member of the Armed Forces or any civilian national of the United States who, while serving under competent authority in any capacity with one of the U.S. Armed Services after April 5, 1917 has been wounded, killed, or who has died or may hereafter die after being wounded; and

WHEREAS, In honor of the ultimate sacrifice paid by so many of our troops throughout history, it is fitting to dedicate Highway 75 as the Purple Heart Trail as a humble gesture of thanks for the freedoms we enjoy on a daily basis; and

WHEREAS, In accordance with the words spoken over the fallen at Gettysburg by a former representative from Illinois, let us "never forget" our fallen heroes; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, THE SENATE CONCURRING HEREIN, that we designate Highway 75 as the Purple Heart Trail; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Illinois Department of Transportation is requested to erect at suitable locations, consistent with State regulations, plaques or signs giving notice of the name; and be it further

RESOLVED, That suitable copies of this resolution be presented to the Illinois Secretary of Transportation and The American Legion Gold Star Post 676.

At the hour of 3:23 o'clock p.m., the House Perfunctory Session adjourned.